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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H9-102039 published in Japan on April 15, 1997.

The above-listed prior art is not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English summary of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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